

## WHO SUNK AMERICAN SHIP--GERMANY OR ENGLAND--STILL QUESTION

EVELYN CASE  
POINTS PERIL  
TO NEUTRALSIdentity of Mine Sinking  
American Steamer Is  
Not Yet Known

## SHIP AND CARGO LOST

But All of Crew Is Rescued—  
Washington Requests De-  
tails of Disaster.

Plymouth, England, Feb. 22.—The Western Daily Mercury says the Australian mail boat Maloja, with 400 passengers, while entering the English channel Thursday afternoon was ordered to stop by an unknown armed merchantman. She ignored the order. The merchantman fired five shells at her but all fell short. The Maloja reached Plymouth safely.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The sinking of the American steamer Evelyn off the German coast, presumably by a mine, brought vividly before official Washington today the dangers to which American vessels are exposed in waters adjacent to the belligerent coasts of Europe.

Since the outbreak of the war the North sea has been mined by both Germany and Great Britain and pilots have been offered for neutral vessels. Whether or not the Evelyn had opportunity to obtain a pilot or whether she struck the mine with a pilot aboard were questions on which officials expected to receive definite information from Ambassadors Page in London and Gerard in Berlin, to whom the state department directed inquiries.

The only message before the department today was from American Consul Foe in Bremen, who reported the Evelyn "blown up," but did not give the cause. His cablegram stated the ship and cargo were lost, but the crew safe.

It is considered unlikely there will be any diplomatic action resulting from the loss of the Evelyn beyond claims for damages, inasmuch as there is now no international convention in force for the prohibition of laying mines.

First Insured Ship Lost.  
Secretary Daniels has ordered Commander Gherardi, American naval attaché in Berlin, to investigate and make a full report on the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn. The Evelyn is the first ship insured with the United States bureau war risk insurance to be lost since it began operations several months ago. Insurance on ships and cargoes amounting to more than fifty-five million has been written. The bureau was closed today and no word was received as to when the claim from the owners may be expected. There is little doubt that legal proof of the destruction of the ship and cargo will result in prompt payment of the insurance.

Of the total amount of insurance written by the bureau more than half has expired with the arrival of ships and cargoes at their destinations. The bureau has earned in premiums more than six hundred thousand, so it will be able to stand the first loss without resort to the appropriation made by congress.

Senator Simmons, one of the framers of the bill which created the war risk bureau, a White house caller today, said he assumed an effort would be made first to establish responsibility for the sinking of the Evelyn, and that if the nationality of the mine is discovered the government war risk bureau will make an effort to collect damages.

Daniels explained that his purpose in directing an inquiry after the state department had called upon the ambassadors in Berlin and London for a report was to obtain technical information, which perhaps might not be included in the ambassadors' replies. It was said at the navy department that from present indications it would be difficult for a naval officer to secure exact information as to what destroyed the Evelyn.

ENGINEER KILLED  
IN A ROAD MISHAP

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 22.—The engineer was killed, the mail clerk fatally injured, the fireman missing and eight passengers injured when a Chicago Great Western passenger train, southbound from Des Moines to Kansas City, was wrecked at Talmage, Iowa. Spreading rails was the cause. The engineer was H. E. Maxwell. Des Moines.

KAISER BENDING  
ON PEACE TERMSITALIAN NEWSPAPER SAYS EF-  
FECTS OF WAR ARE BEING  
SERIOUSLY FELT.

Rome, Feb. 22.—Reports received by the secretary of state of the vatican, says the Giornale D'Italia, show Germany, although maintaining an excellent military position, feels seriously the consequences of the war and therefore has modified materially her views on peace conditions to be imposed. The paper adds: "The pontiff considers such a condition of affairs lends itself favorably to diplomatic steps. He is reported again to have interpellated Emperor William to know what conditions on which Germany would be disposed to negotiate peace, observing that in any case the military honor of Germany is safe."

NEED AMERICANS  
IN CRISIS: TAFTFORMER PRESIDENT SAYS ALL  
SHOULD STAND AT BACK  
OF NATION'S CHIEF.

Norristown, N. J., Feb. 22.—The United States is threatened with a serious invasion of its rights as a neutral by the warring nations of Europe and in preserving its commerce with those nations in face of a crisis, in the opinion of former President Taft, should it arise, no jingo spirit must be allowed to prevail. Taft advised that neither pride nor momentary passion should influence our judgment. "And when the president shall act," Taft declared, "we must stand by him to the end. In this determination we may be sure that all will join, no matter what their European origin. All will forget their differences in their self-sacrificing loyalty to our common flag and common country."

Taft's reference to the situation confronting the United States was made at the conclusion of an address before the Washington association of New Jersey.

ed the Evelyn, which lies at the bottom of the North sea.

British Cargoes Moving.

London, Feb. 22.—The German submarine blockade continues the chief topic of interest in the United Kingdom, although British shipping apparently is moving with usual freedom. Scandinavian neutrals, however, are showing much alarm over the situation, a great sensation having been caused in those countries by the peeping of the Norwegian steamer Belridge off Folkestone last week. Representatives of the Scandinavian countries are holding another conference today, and the outcome is awaited with much interest by neutral shippers. The question of a naval conference, it is understood, is being considered seriously at the conference, but guarded comments of newspapers shows it is clearly recognized that such a step might lead to war.

A lone German aeroplane flew over several east coast towns last night, dropping bombs, with slight material damage. There was little alarm.

Firm Not to Protest.

New York, Feb. 22.—William L. Harris of the firm which owned the steamship Evelyn, which was sunk in the North sea yesterday, said the firm would make no protest to the state department as he considered the loss of the ship due to the war risk he had taken.

VANDERBILT CUP  
RACE POSTPONEDUNSATISFACTORY CONDITION OF  
COURSE PUTS OFF CONTEST  
TWO WEEKS.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—An account of the unsatisfactory condition of the course and threatening weather the Vanderbilt cup race was postponed today until one week from Saturday. Drivers made an exhibition round of the course for the benefit of spectators.

Ralph DePalma and Harry Grant, twice winners, and 31 other drivers tuned up their cars today for the Vanderbilt cup automobile race over the Panama Pacific exposition course, 77 laps or 297 miles. It was expected 50,000 would occupy the stands along the course. The contest between DePalma and Grant for permanent possession of the trophy is expected to be the feature.

## AUSTRIA CALLS OUT ALL

Vienna, Feb. 22.—The last classes of Hungarian militiamen have been summoned to join the colors by March 15, when the entire Austro-Hungarian war resources will have been mobilized. The former levy en masse applied to the regular army and the Austrian territorial militia, but the Hungarian militiamen were exempted.

POSSE TRAPS  
BAND PIUTES  
AFTER 3 DEADRed Skins on Warpath  
Cornered in Cottonwood  
Gulch, Colorado.

## OUTLAW IS THE LEADER

United States Deputies Received  
With Hail of Lead When  
Attempting Arrest.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 22.—Advices from Grayson, Utah, state the band of Piute Indians under Tee-Ne-Gat which fought a desperate battle yesterday with federal posse has been surrounded in Cottonwood gulch. The posse has been reinforced.

Grayson, Utah, Feb. 22.—In a battle between the force of deputies under United States Marshal Aquila Nebekar of Salt Lake City and the Piute Indians outside of Bluff, Utah, two Indians were killed, six taken prisoners, one white man lost his life and two were wounded.

The posse tried to surround the Indian position at daybreak yesterday morning, but the Indians heard them and immediately opened fire. Joe Akim of Dolores, Colo., fell at the first volley. Firing continued for some minutes and two Indians were seen to fall over dead.

Both sides ceased firing, and Marshal Nebekar sent Mancos Jim, a Piute who had joined the white men, to parley with the Indians and urge them to surrender. After a long powwow Mancos Jim returned to the posse with the message from the Indians: "We will fight until death."

Attack Posse From Rear.

While the marshal was receiving this information another band of Indians under a chief named Cosay came up the San Juan river 40 strong and attacked the posse from the rear. The white men replied to the attack and held them off. In the meantime the Indians camped up on the rocks outside of Bluff reopened the attack and the posse was caught between two fires. It was in this dash that the two white men were wounded.

The Indians under Cosay were driven off and in retreating they cut the telephone wires, the only line of communication with Bluff.

The last message that came through said that the Indians had surrounded the posse and a call for help was sent out. A general alarm was spread all through the country. Other posses were quickly organized here and at Monticello and relief expeditions are being formed at Dolores, Cortez and Mancos, Colo. The progress of the posse will be slow owing to heavy snowfall.

Indian Strength Unexpected.

Latest information from Bluff said that the strength of the Indians was double what the white men expected to find. They had heard that the Indians, entrenched in the buttes about a mile above Bluff on the San Juan river were 50 strong. With the reinforcements that came up the river from the south, it is believed that their force was in excess of 100 fighting men.

Marshal Nebekar started his posse toward Bluff Saturday night between 11 and 12 o'clock. By hard riding they arrived at Bluff at daybreak yesterday morning. They attempted to surround the Indians, who were camped about a mile out of the town, but the Indians with sentinels all around their camp, soon heard them and the alarm was sounded. Like in the old days, they came pouring out of their tepees, guns in hand, and without waiting to be attacked, opened fire on the posse.

It is believed here that the posse which was reported in grave peril of massacre escaped from the encircling enemy and retired in safety.

## FARMS FOR CITY JOBLESS

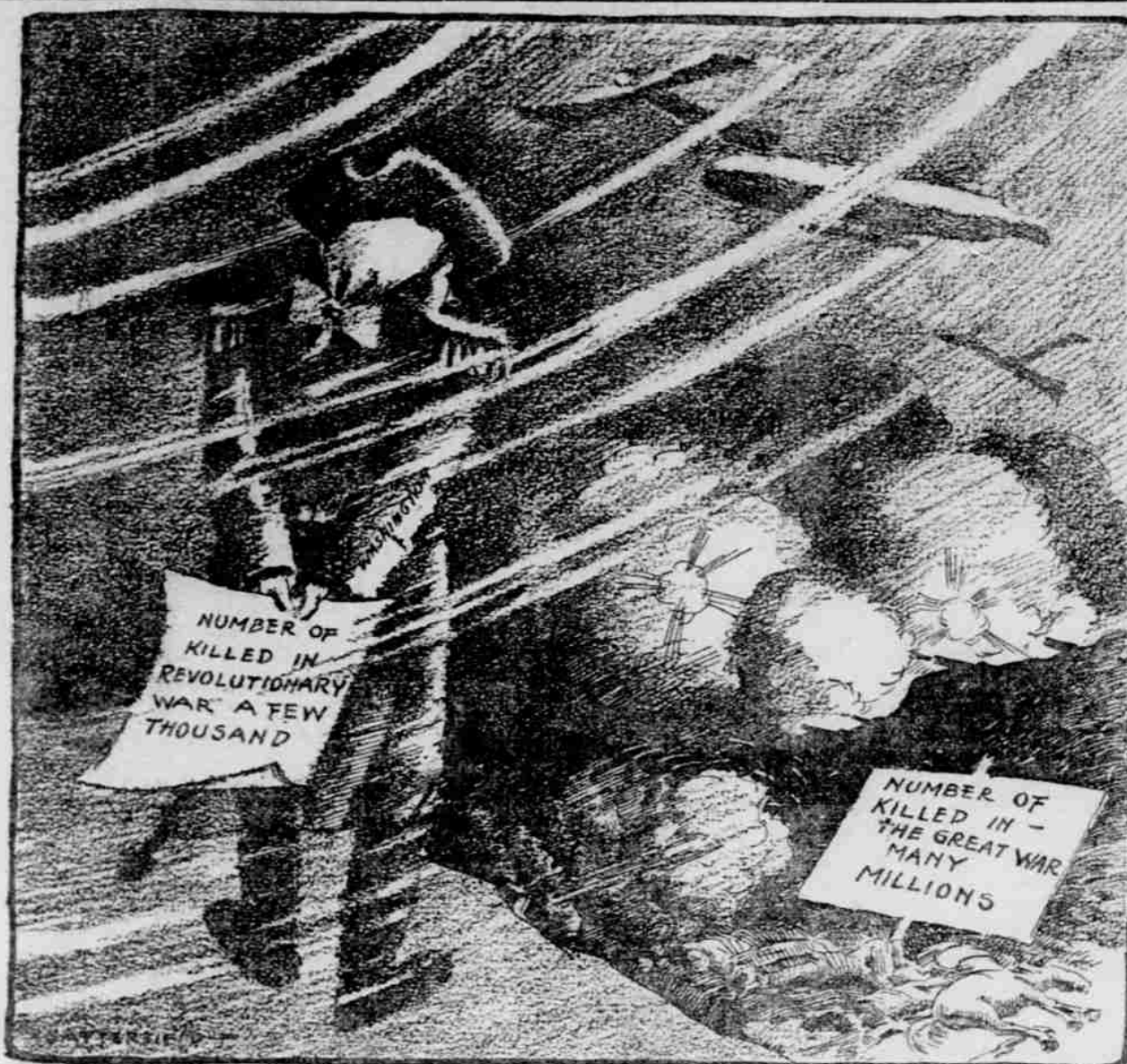
U. S. Asked to Help Plan to Solve  
Unemployment Problem.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The unemployment situation was discussed with Secretaries Houston and Wilson of the agriculture and labor departments today by a delegation headed by Mrs. Haviland H. Lund of New York, which presented a plan to be given further consideration next week. The proposal is the creation of a bureau of land information for getting city-bred men on farms. Large amounts would be made available for that purpose by philanthropic organizations or citizens, the delegates believe.

Friends of Cleveland Dies.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 22.—Michael Doran, 87 years old, an intimate friend of Grover Cleveland and long known as a democratic politician, died yesterday.

## The Progress Of Science--Not Of Civilization

BERNHARDT RIGHT  
LEG IS REMOVEDACTRESS REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO  
DELAY OF OPERATION PER-  
FORMED TODAY.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 22.—The right leg of Sarah Bernhardt, the tragedienne, was amputated today at St. Augustine hospital at Arcachon. The operation, made necessary by an affection of the knee, which caused much suffering for several years, was performed by Professor De Luce of Bordeaux university. Professor Pozzi was to have conducted the operation yesterday, but he was called to the colors to serve in a hospital in Paris and found it impossible to leave his duties for several days. Madame Bernhardt would not submit to the delay of what she courageously called her release from bondage and it was decided that De Luce perform the operation today.

SUBMARINES FOR  
YEAR MAY BE 75SENATE REPUBLICANS URGING  
ENLARGEMENT OF THE  
HOUSE PROGRAM.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Senate republicans intend to put a large submarine building program in the pending naval bill than has been provided by the house. Smoot introduced an amendment for 50 submarines of sea-going type and 25 smaller ones. For the first year it would appropriate \$30,000,000.

War and preparedness of war was the sole topic of discussion in congress today. The senate was debating the army bill and the house was working on appropriations for coast fortifications.

Decatur, Ill.—Gladys Cahill was killed and John Gould slightly injured when an interurban hit a buggy two miles east of Decatur.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Rain, probably turning to snow to night or Tuesday; colder. Fresh northerly winds.  
Temperature at 7 a. m., 43. Highest yesterday, 41; lowest last night, 40.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour.  
Precipitation, .33 inch in last 24 hours.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 98; at 7 a. m., 98.  
Stage of water, 6.9, a fall of 1.2 feet in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.  
Evening stars: Mars, Saturn, Jupiter. Morning stars: Mercury, Venus. The first magnitude star close to zenith on the west-southwest about 8 p. m. is Capella of constellation Auriga.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS  
IN EAST ST. LOUISDAMAGE OF \$150,000 FOLLOWS  
EXPLOSION IN A FURNI-  
TURE HOUSE.

East St. Louis, Feb. 22.—Fire, following an explosion on the upper floor of Zeigenthal Brothers' furniture store, today, spread to four corners at the intersection of Collinsville and St. Louis avenue and caused a loss exceeding \$150,000.

The Zeigenthal building and structure occupied by the Feilner-Crow store were destroyed. Two office buildings were partly burned. An apartment house burned, but 25 families escaped.

Des Moines, Feb. 22.—The building and entire plant of the Register and Leader, morning, and Des Moines Tribune, afternoon, newspapers, were destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss exceeds \$200,000, about three-fourths of which was covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is not certain. It broke out about 7 o'clock, after the night force had left, and one report was that a newsboy in the circulation room in the basement had dropped a lighted cigarette in some waste paper. This could not be verified.

The flames quickly shot upward to the composing room, and practically the whole plant was wrecked in a short time. Falling floors destroyed the presses in the basement.

Gardner Cowles, publisher and principal owner of the two papers, said the plant would be rebuilt immediately. Temporary quarters in the Des Moines Daily Capital offices were accepted by Mr. Cowles, and no issues of either the Register and Leader or the Tribune will be omitted.

CAPITAL HONORS  
NATION'S FATHERBIRTHDAY IS CELEBRATED IN  
EVERY DEPARTMENT--CON-  
GRESS KEEPS AT WORK.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was celebrated in every department of the capital. The president attended exercises under auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and while he was an interested listener for two hours he did not make an address. Senator Townsend was the principal speaker there.

In congress Washington's farewell address was read and both houses celebrated the day by working.

Senator Root read Washington's farewell address in the senate. New York, Feb. 22.—Patriotic exercises in 53 parks, playgrounds, many churches, armories and Washington's headquarters in Washington Heights, marked arrangements for the commemoration in New York of Washington's birthday.

WHITE HANGED TO  
CITY HALL TOWEREARLY CHURCHGOERS AT PLEAS-  
ANT HILL, MO., FIND BODY  
RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Pleasant Hill, Mo., Feb. 22.—A white man, believed to be W. F. Williams of Hot Springs, Ark., who Saturday night took part in a revolver battle in which a policeman and an unidentified man were killed, was taken from the jail early Sunday and lynched by a mob.

Early churchgoers discovered the body, riddled with bullets, hanging from the firebell tower above the city hall. It remained hanging there until noon before it was cut down.

Guards, fearing trouble, had remained at the jail, a small brick structure, until 4 o'clock in the morning, but left when the town apparently was quiet.

The victim, who told the police he was W. F. Williams of Hot Springs, was arrested after he had taken part in a battle, in which Charles Poindester, a policeman, and an unidentified man were killed and he was dangerously wounded.

Poindester and another policeman had been looking for men suspected of robbing a Kansas City Southern train near Richards, Mo., when they encountered Williams and the unidentified man.

The killing of the policeman followed a crime wave of several weeks and the excitement of the townspeople was intense. Detectives from Kansas City failed to establish the identity of any of the members of the mob.

MARSHALL FIELD'S BRIDE  
SHARES FATHER'S ESTATE

New York, Feb. 22.—Evelyn Marshall Field, who recently was married to Marshall Field of Chicago, receives one-third of the income of a trust fund of \$804,606, being the amount of the estate of her father, Charles H. Marshall, who died in 1912. The other participants are Josephine Banks Marshall, mother of Mrs. Field, and Charles H. Marshall Jr. This developed yesterday in the supreme court when Justice Hendrick granted permission to the trustee to retain certain securities which could not be sold at present without a substantial loss to the estate.

## DUQUOIN OFFICER KILLS

J. A. Jones Shoots Robert Reese--Out-  
growth of Dispute.

Duquoin, Ill., Feb. 22.—Policeman J. A. Jones shot and killed Robert Reese last evening. He says he shot in self-defense. Reese, with two companions, was arrested several days ago charged with assaulting Jones. Reese was out on bond and last evening met Jones in an alley, where the shooting occurred.

## Investigation at Standstill.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—The government's investigation of the advanced price of bread is at a standstill as a result of refusal of grain brokers of the board of trade to submit books and records in trading in wheat and flour.

ENTIRE ARMY  
CORPS FALLS  
ON RUSS SIDESevere Loss in East Prus-  
sia Admitted by Czar's  
General Staff

## 100,000 ARE CAPTIVES

Success of Germans Attributed  
to Overwhelming Number  
of Their Troops.

The loss of almost an entire army corps in the recent retreat from east Prussia is admitted by the Russian general staff in its version of the German victory. Of this corps only broken disorganized portions escaped. The success of the Germans is attributed to the overwhelming number of their troops and their superior transportation facilities. Unofficial reports from Petrograd, corroborated in part by the Russian staff, say the main Russian army succeeded in escaping from the German trap and has in turn taken the offensive. When the retreating Russians reached designated positions a stand was made, according to Petrograd, and the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

Berlin reports of the sinking of British transport carrying troops lacks confirmation from any other source.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—A German official statement announces that captures in the battle of Mazurian lakes district in east Prussia have been increased to seven generals and more than one hundred thousand men. Cannon taken number 150. Continuing the statement says:

"In Champagne district there was comparative quiet yesterday. The number of prisoners taken during the last battle in this region has been increased to fifteen officers and more than a thousand men. Sanguinary losses of the enemy have been extraordinarily high."

Pursuit after the winter battle in the Mazurian lake district has come to end. The Tenth Russian army under General Baron Slevers is considered as having been destroyed. New battles appear developing at Grodno and North Suchowlas. An official statement from Paris says there is nothing of importance to add to the communication of last night."

Sunk in Collision.

London, Feb. 22.—The Norwegian freight steamer Cuba, London to Amsterdam, was sunk today in a collision in the North sea. As far as known no lives were lost. She carried an official mail bag of the American commission for relief of Belgians.

FOR REFERENDUM  
ON RATE APPEALSTATE SENATOR HARRIS BE-  
LIEVES RAILROADS SHOULD  
GO BEFORE PEOPLE.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 22.—When the passenger tariff bill is introduced in the senate Harris of Chicago will propose that a referendum clause be attached, leaving it to the voters of Illinois to decide whether rates shall be increased to two and a half cents a mile. The amendment will provide for submitting the referendum in the judicial election June 7. Senator Harris said: "If the railroads are sincere in their wish to place their case before the people, they should go to the people direct and present their side in an honest manner, and I am sure the people will accord them a fair hearing."

Chief Scout Retires.

New York, Feb. 22.—Ernest Thompson Seton, artist and author of books dealing with life in the woods, has retired as chief scout of the Boy Scouts of America.

HURLEY SELECTED  
FOR TRADE BOARD

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The president today nominated the following members of the new federal trade commission:  
Joseph E. Davies, Wisconsin; Edward N. Hurley, Chicago; William Harris, Georgia; William Parry, Seattle, and George Rublee, New Hampshire.  
The first three are democrats.